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CHAPTER 92

# SENATE BILL 1142

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 36-125.05 AND 36-125.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING  
TO UNIFORM REPORTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 36-125.05, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-125.05. Uniform patient reporting system; statistical and demographic reports; exemption

A. The department shall prescribe and implement a uniform patient reporting system for ~~all hospitals, outpatient surgical centers and emergency departments~~ HOSPITAL INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES. The requirements imposed for this reporting system shall be substantially the same as the uniform billing requirements prescribed by the federal department of health and human services pursuant to ~~title~~ TITLES XVIII and XIX of the social security act, as amended (42 United States Code sections 1395 through 1395pp), whether or not the effective date for the federal billing system is after January 31, 1984.

B. The department shall require hospitals to report INPATIENT statistical data designed to promote cost containment as the department determines. These data shall be derivable from the data obtained under the uniform patient reporting system prescribed by subsection A and ~~shall~~, for all inpatient services, SHALL include the following:

1. The number of confinements.
2. The average length of stay.
3. The average charge per day.
4. The average charge per confinement, which is the product of the average length of stay multiplied by the average charge per day.
5. The average charge per confinement for each attending physician.

C. Each of the categories of data specified in subsection B shall be further categorized by one or more of the following methods as the department determines:

1. Discharge diagnoses.
2. Groupings of related diagnoses.
3. Groupings of diagnoses ~~which~~ THAT typically have similar lengths of confinement.
4. Any other similar categories ~~which~~ THAT may be determined by the department.

D. The department shall require ~~hospitals, outpatient surgical centers and HOSPITAL~~ emergency departments to report outpatient service statistical data designed to promote cost containment. The department shall adopt rules establishing the procedures for reporting. ~~This~~ THESE data shall be derivable from the data obtained under the uniform patient reporting system prescribed in subsection A, and shall include the following:

1. Date of service.
2. Surgical procedures.
3. Related diagnosis.
4. Charges for services.

1 E. The department may require hospitals, ~~outpatient surgical centers~~  
2 and emergency departments to report other clinical and demographic data  
3 regarding patient age, sex or insurance coverage FOR INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY  
4 DEPARTMENT SERVICES.

5 F. Hospitals providing primarily psychiatric services are exempt from  
6 the reporting requirements imposed by subsections B, D and E.

7 G. The data from the period beginning January 1 and ending June 30 of  
8 each year shall be reported on or before August 15 of that year. The data  
9 from the period beginning July 1 and ending December 31 of each year shall be  
10 reported on or before February 15 of the following year.

11 H. All reports filed pursuant to this section are open to public  
12 inspection at the offices of the department. The department shall ensure  
13 that this public access to reports does not breach confidentiality of  
14 privileged medical information or privileged information on an individual's  
15 work performance or earnings.

16 I. If further investigation is considered necessary or desirable to  
17 verify the accuracy of information in reports submitted under this section,  
18 the department may further examine records and accounts related to the  
19 reporting requirements of this section. The department shall bear the cost  
20 incurred in connection with this examination unless the department finds that  
21 the records examined are significantly deficient or incorrect, in which case  
22 the department may charge the cost of the investigation to the facility  
23 examined.

24 ~~J. Beginning January 1, 2000, outpatient surgical centers that own,~~  
25 ~~control or manage less than two operating room suites, either individually or~~  
26 ~~in a controlled group, shall meet the reporting requirements of subsection D.~~

27 Sec. 2. Section 36-125.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
28 read:

29 36-125.06. Comparative report; brochure

30 A. The director shall publish a semiannual comparative report of  
31 patient charges utilizing the statistical data submitted pursuant to section  
32 36-125.05, subsections B through E. The comparative report shall be in the  
33 format prescribed by the director and shall be published within sixty days  
34 after the date the statistical data are required to be submitted by  
35 hospitals, ~~outpatient surgical centers~~ and emergency departments to the  
36 department pursuant to section 36-125.05, subsection G. Copies of the report  
37 shall be delivered to the governor, the president of the senate and the  
38 speaker of the house of representatives and placed on file with the Arizona  
39 state library, archives and public records.

40 B. The director shall publish a brochure semiannually at the same time  
41 as the comparative report is published pursuant to subsection A of this  
42 section. The brochure shall be in the format prescribed by the director and  
43 shall contain a simple and concise comparison among hospitals, ~~outpatient~~  
44 ~~surgical centers~~ and emergency departments in the same geographic region of  
45 average charges per confinement for the most common diagnoses and procedures

1 FOR INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES. Each hospital shall obtain  
2 copies of all current brochures for its geographic region and shall make  
3 available in its reception area a sufficient number of these brochures for  
4 free distribution of one copy to each individual requesting a copy. A  
5 hospital may charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of postage and  
6 handling, if any, for each brochure, if mailed. The director shall provide  
7 on request a sufficient number of brochures to any authorized local agency as  
8 defined in section 36-401 and any other person or group requesting  
9 copies. The director shall not charge for brochures provided by the  
10 department.

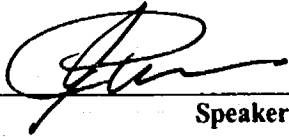
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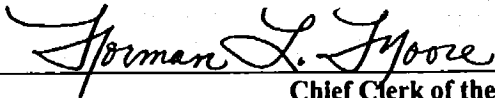
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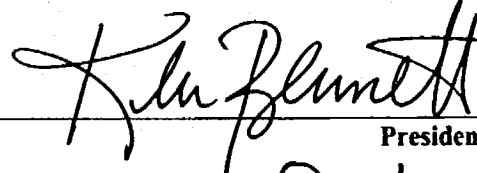


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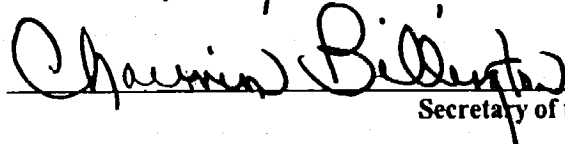
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President of the Senate



Secretary of the Senate

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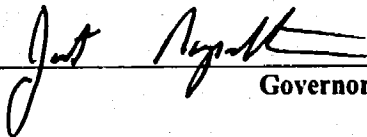


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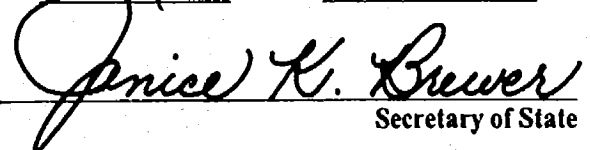
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